5. did the Government take into consideration the applications of persons who have been in active professional practice;

6. if so, why were the applications of persons in active practice for more than 8 years rejected;

(b) have all persons so selected jointed duty; if not, how many have not joined duty; has the Government any idea of filling up the vacancies so created, if not why not;

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) 1. Fourteen.

2. Thirteen were selected and one was rejected.

3. Mr. P. N. Vaidyanatha Ayyar was not selected. His application was not signed and therefore his name was not included in the list of persons recommended.

4. There was no specific criterion for the selection.

5. and 6. No answer is necessary in view of the answer to part 4 above.

(b) No. Three have yet to join duty. There is no idea of filling up the vacancies at present as those selected may join duty any time.

293. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has so far appointed any Honorary Surgeon or Honorary Physician in the hospitals of Ernakulam and Trichur. If not why not?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

294. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of modifying the present scheme to adopt to conditions that are obtained in British India, viz', to replace the present paid staff gradually by honorary staff?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government have no such idea at present.

Occasional second crop assessment.

295. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any resolution has so far been passed in the Legislative Council, recommending the abolition of 'occasional second crop assessment' in the state;

(b) if so, what action the Government has taken on the same;

(c) whether the Government has any idea now of abandoning 'occasional second crop assessment' for the future?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) The necessity for answering this question does not arise in view of the answer given to question (a).

(c) No.

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